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**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MAMI, FLORIDA 33128
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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- February 5, 2004

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- C. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)
- D. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)
 - 1. MDX Status Report

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- A. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO ADD FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ROLL-FORWARD PROJECTS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED IN THE 2003 TIP (*PUBLIC HEARING*)
- B. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 5 AS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)
- C. **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004-2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REVISING THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN SECTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION (*PUBLIC HEARING*)
- D. **FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO REFLECT CHANGES UNDER THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN SECTION AND ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT # 9 AS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)
- E. **FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO REFLECT THE ADDITION OF NEWLY FORMED CITIES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**F. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO REFLECT CHANGES UNDER ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT # 1 AS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**G. FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)
AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004 TIP TO TRANSFER \$15.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL CONGESTION MITIGATION/AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS TO THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY DOUBLE TRACKING PROJECT FOR TRI-RAIL SERVICES AND COMMITTING TO RESTORE THE FUNDS TO THE ATMS PROJECT IN FUTURE YEARS (*PUBLIC HEARING*)

**H. MIAMI-MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR (BAYLINK)
CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING MIAMI - MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR (BAYLINK) CONTRACT

I. MPO SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR ISSUANCE OF WORK ORDER

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE "REVERSIBLE FLOW STUDY" UNDER THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

V. REPORTS

A. MEMBERS

B. MANAGER

C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

D. SECRETARIAT

1. MPO Public Service Announcement Contest

2. MPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee membership/appointments

**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA
GOVERNING BOARD**

MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004 AT 2:00 P.M.

**STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
COUNTY COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Acting-Chairperson Katy Sorenson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. In addition, the following members were present at the initiation of the meeting:

Bruno A. Barreiro
Betty T. Ferguson
Shirley M. Gibson
Perla T. Hantman
Sally A. Heyman
M. Ronald Krongold
Joe A. Martinez

Raul L. Martinez
Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle
Darryl K. Sharpton
Jose Smith
Javier D. Souto

Non-voting members present: Mr. Gary Donn of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

The following staff members were present: Dr. Carlos Bonzon, Surface Transportation Manager, Jose-Luis Mesa, Director, MPO Secretariat, and Robert Cuevas, Assistant County Attorney.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa informed the Board that Item V.D.3 resolution by the Dade League of Cities was added to the agenda for information only.

Board Member Rolle moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member Rolle moved for the approval of the February 5, 2004 minutes and Board Member Moss seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. MPO COMMITTEES AND SPECIAL REPORTS

1. CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

Mr. Norman Wartman, 2nd Vice Chair CTAC, informed the Board that CTAC will co-host, with BPAC and TARC, the Transportation Improvement Program/Long Range Transportation Plan (TIP/LRTP) interactive meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2004 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. He further informed the Board that CTAC had successfully hosted the MPO Recertification Public Hearing meeting. He then told the Board that CTAC met with Michael DeCossio, MDT Director of Marketing, to discuss the year 2004 marketing strategies for MDT. He further stated that CTAC received a presentation from the South Florida Commuter Services. He concluded by stating that CTAC passed draft resolutions recommending that the MPO Board adopt and move forward the Okeechobee Road Action Plan for further study and to recommend that the Public Works Department meet with residents residing along SW 82nd Avenue to discuss issues regarding the opening of the street. He further concluded by respectfully reminding the Board to fill their vacancies.

Board Member Gibson appointed Andre Burgess to CTAC.

Board Member Souto appointed Jose Garrido to CTAC.

Board Member Sharpton appointed Wendy Carr to CTAC.

Chairperson Sorenson appointed Kimberly Miller to CTAC.

2. TRANSPORTATION AESTHETIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (TARC)

No report on this item.

3. BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Mr. Ted Silver, BPAC Chairman, informed the Board that BPAC passed resolutions asking FDOT to include a bike pedestrian friendly design for the rumble strips on the shoulders of the US-1 18 Mile Stretch project. He further stated that a resolution was passed asking FDOT to include paved shoulders for the SR 9336 reconstruction project between Florida City and Everglades National Park. He then stated that the resolution requested consideration for a paved path for both projects. He also informed the Board that BPAC was given a presentation on the City of

Miami's proposed Baywalk project for downtown. He concluded by respectfully reminding the Board to fill their vacancies.

4. MIAMI-DADE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY (MDX)

Mr. Servando Parapar, Director of MDX, provided the Board with a brief update on the project listed in the MDX Status Report. *(A copy of this report is available from the MPO Secretariat).*

Board Member Morales expressed concern with the potential level of disapproval for the Central Parkway Project from the impacted communities. He then requested clarity on which decision-making body was responsible for the final approval of the Project. Mr. Parapar responded that the MPO Governing Board had the responsibility for the final approval of the project. He further stated that the project is currently listed in the MPO Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program.

Board Member Sharpton informed the Board that the MDX Board will start taping their meetings and making the tape available to the Miami-Dade T.V. channel for airing. He then apologized to Board Member Rolle for not responding sooner to his request for information on MDX's minority participation program. He concluded by providing the Board a copy of a memo which outlined the goals and objectives that MDX has as pertains to the Small and Minority Business programs. He further concluded by stating that MDX held its first Small and Minority Business procurement workshop, which was well attended.

Board Member Rolle requested that MDX provide a report on minority participation that includes at least the last three years.

Board Member Martinez requested clarity on whether MDX staff had met with representatives from the Opa-Locka and Miami Gardens communities. He then stated that the City of Hialeah would not continue to support the Central Parkway Project if the other municipalities affected were not involved. Mr. Parapar responded that he met with Board Member Gibson to discuss the Project and its impact on Miami Gardens. He further stated that MDX staff has contacted officials from the City of Opa-Locka to obtain their support. He concluded by stating that MDX has retained a consultant for this study and that the study has been broken into phases with the first phase researching the financial viability of the project.

Board Member Gibson stated that she could not support the Central Parkway Project unless all affected corridor concerns were addressed. She further stated that she had expressed to MDX the level of opposition that

citizens of Miami Gardens have demonstrated in the past regarding this project.

Board Member Sharpton expressed that the MDX Board does not intend to aggressively move forward with this project unless it receives support from the community.

Board Member Ferguson expressed concern with the impact the study would have on the community. She further expressed that residents are opposed to any expressway that they feel would destroy their community. She concluded by stating that the MPO should work on ways to have people do less driving and stop building more expressways.

Board Member Moss stated that MDX should first determine whether the community would support the Central Parkway Project before funds are spent. He further stated that discussions with the various municipalities should have taken place and resolutions of support from the municipalities should be obtained before pursuing any further actions pertaining to Central Parkway Project.

Board Member Morales added that the financial feasibility study for the project is not warranted until after it is determined whether the community would embrace an expressway built in their neighborhood.

Board Member Sharpton stated that he would express the MPO Board sentiments to the MDX Board as they pertain to MDX proceeding with conducting a study for the Central Parkway Project.

Board Member Ferguson suggested that the Board pass a resolution opposing construction of highways in areas where the community expressed a disinterest in such projects.

At the Board's request for legal counsel on Central Parkway Project, Mr. Cuevas reminded the Board that Central Parkway Project was listed in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He then advised the Board that the project would need to be removed from the LRTP and TIP in order to stop further development of the project.

Board Member Martinez stated that he would prefer to allow the MDX an opportunity to set-up the necessary meetings and have discussions with the community regarding the affected corridors. He further stated that he would not want to stop the project before all possibilities are exhausted.

Board Member Ferguson requested that staff draft a TIP and LRTP amendment to remove the Central Parkway Boulevard Project.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

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Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member Moss moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

- B. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2004 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT 5 AS REQUESTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Mesa read into the record a letter from Jorge Concepcion regarding the traffic signals at SW 162nd Avenue and SW 80th Street. (*A copy of this letter is available at the MPO Secretariat*).

Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member J. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member R. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

- C. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT**
RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004-2008 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REVISING THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN SECTION WITH REFERENCE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DESCRIPTION (PUBLIC HEARING)

Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member J.Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**D. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO REFLECT
CHANGES UNDER THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN SETION
AND ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT #9 AS REQUESTED BY THE
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Chairperson Sorenson opened public hearing.

Mr. Lawrence Percival, citizen, suggested to the Board that the Public Works Department present their projects to the various community councils before moving forward.

Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member Heyman moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member H. Martinez seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**E. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT TO REFLECT THE ADDITION
OF NEWLY FORMED CITIES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE ROAD IMPACT
FEE DISTRICT (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member J. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Rolle seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

**F. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2004
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO REFLECT
CHANGES UNDER ROAD IMPACT FEE DISTRICT #1 AS REQUESTED
BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PUBLIC HEARING)**

Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Rodger Lorenzo, citizen, requested clarity on the project design and time schedule for construction and completion. He further stated that there were concerns with the project because a school was located in the area. Mr. Rivera, Public Works Director, responded that it is expected that

the PWD will break ground within 45 days and the project is scheduled to be completed within two years. He further stated that staff met with the commercial businesses to discuss the project and to find ways to minimize the impact the project may have to the area. He concluded by stating that several precautions were in place to maintain traffic in the school zone at all times.

Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member R. Martinez requested clarity on the impact this project will have with funding the construction for the 16th Avenue Bridge Project. Mr. Rivera responded that the project will have no impact on the funding for the 16th Avenue Bridge Project.

Board Member R. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

G. TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENT
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Chairperson Sorenson opened the public hearing. Chairperson Sorenson closed the public hearing.

Board Member Morales requested the status on the plans to extend Tri-Rail further into Dade County. Mr. Michael Williams, SFRTA, responded that SFRTA backed away from its alternative analysis studies after Miami-Dade decided to pursue studying the East-West Project. He further explained that depending on the outcome of Miami-Dade's alternative analysis of the Project then the Tri-Rail system may still be able to be extended further into Dade County.

Board Member J. Martinez requested clarity on the route and time frame that services could be expanded further into Miami-Dade County. Mr. Williams responded that SFRTA would offer services starting at the Miami Intermodal Center (MIC) connecting to the Turnpike. He further stated that these services could be available in as early as three to four years. He then stated that funding for this project would have to be determined but the idea would be to advance the Alternative Analysis, and

then pursue funding from the federal government and the People's Transportation Plan (PTP).

Board Member Barreiro stated that Miami-Dade consultants had advised that if the SFRTA system became operational then, whatever ridership was counted as SFRTA ridership would hurt the County in its attempt to obtain federal funding for Metrorail's expansion. He further clarified that the current formula does not allow ridership for the commuter rail corridor to be used in the statistics for the Metrorail expansion westward in the same transit corridor. He concluded by stating that a policy decision would need to be made pertaining to this issue.

Board Member Morales requested clarity on whether a policy decision needed to be made by the Board of County Commissioners or the MPO Board to prevent SFRTA from expanding its services to the western section of the County. Dr. Bonzon clarified that the SFRTA originally was planning to extend its services from the MIC to the Turnpike using the existing CSX line right-of-way. He further stated that the County had decided to use FDOT's 1999 study of the SR 836 Corridor which already has a Record of Decision from the federal government and just request the consultants bring it up to date. He then stated that, after federal funding is pursued and approved, the project could be built well before 2023.

Board Member Moss stated that a presentation was given to the MPO Board in the past regarding Tri-Rail extending further into the County. He further stated that no decision was made by the MPO Board pertaining to this item. He then concluded by expressing concern with supporting a decision that would jeopardize Miami-Dade County's plan to establish a unified transit system.

Board Member Morales stated that this issue is a policy decision. He further expressed that it is a discussion that needs to take place in the future and a decision should be made by the policy makers and not staff. Chairperson Sorenson suggested that the issue be referred to the BCC Transportation Committee for further discussion.

After much discussion, Board Member J. Martinez moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

**H. MIAMI-MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR
(BAYLINK) CONTRACT AMENDMENT**
*RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING
MIAMI-MIAMI BEACH TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR (BAYLINK)
CONTRACT*

Board Member Smith requested clarity on the estimated construction time for the Baylink project. Dr. Bonzon responded that the Baylink project is currently listed as a Priority 2 in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). He further stated that the estimated time of completion for the project is 2023.

Board Member Smith requested clarity regarding the reason to require the consultants to do an origin of destination for the project so soon. Mr. Mesa explained that the project was advanced at the request of the City of Miami Beach in a form of a resolution. He further stated that the study could be updated in the future if needed.

Board Member Smith requested clarity on the need to increase the funding for the Baylink contract. Mr. Mesa responded that the funding increase is needed to replenish the funding used from Phase II reserves to cover the increase in expenses from the Phase I additional public involvement sessions.

Board Member Barreiro stated he did not support this resolution because the he did not believe the Baylink project will obtain its desired ridership. He further stated that an at-grade system would not alleviate the congestion problems experienced in Miami Beach.

Board Member Smith moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Heyman seconded motion. The resolution passed with one dissent.

I. MPO SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR ISSUANCE OF WORK ORDER

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE “REVERSIBLE FLOW STUDY” UNDER THE GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Board Member Souto moved for approval of the resolution. Board Member Sharpton seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

V. REPORTS

- A. MEMBERS
- B. MANAGER
- C. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

(There was no discussion on Items V.A-C)

- D. SECRETARIAT
 - 1. MPO Public Service Announcement Contest

Board Member Hantman requested that staff consider conducting a similar contest that involves high school students.

2. MPO Freight Transportation Advisory Committee membership/appointments
3. Dade League of Cities Resolution

(There was no discussion on Items V.D.2-3)

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.